

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

No new matter has been added by the above amendments, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments.

The Examiner stated that claims 19, 21, 27/19, 27/21, and 28 are allowed, and that claims 3, 5, 6, 11/3, 11/5, 11/6, 17, 18, 23, 24, 26, 27/23, 27/25, 27/26 are objected to, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1. This claim has been canceled here.

Claim 2. This claim was previously canceled.

Claim 3. This claim has been rewritten in independent form, and is thus allowable.

Claim 4. This claim has been amended here to depend on claim 3, which as stated above, has been rewritten in independent form. Since claim 4 now depends on an allowable claim, claim 4 is now allowable.

Claim 5. The claim has been rewritten in independent form, and is thus allowable.

Claim 6. This claim already depended on claim 5, which as stated above, has been rewritten in independent form. Since claim 6 now depends on an allowable claim, claim 6 is now allowable.

Claim 7. This claim has been amended here to depend on claim 3, which as stated above, has been rewritten in independent form. Since claim 7 now depends on an allowable claim, claim 7 is now allowable.

Claim 8. This claim has been amended here to delete “means” and substitute “a chain and a pulley”, as per the Examiner’s objection. Also, this claim has been amended here to depend on claim 3, which as stated above, has been rewritten in independent form. Since claim 8 now depends on an allowable claim, claim 8 is now allowable.

Claim 9. This claim has been amended here to depend on claim 3, which as stated above, has been rewritten in independent form. Since claim 9 now depends on an allowable claim, claim 9 is now allowable.

Claim 10. This claim has been amended here to depend on claim 3, which as stated above, has been rewritten in independent form. Since claim 10 now depends on an allowable claim, claim 10 is now allowable.

Claim 11. This claim has been amended to depend on “any one of claims 3 to 10”, and thus, is allowable, as each of claims 3 to 10 is allowable.

Claims 12 - 13. These claims have been canceled here.

Claim 14 - 15. These claims were previously canceled.

Claim 16. This claim has been canceled here.

Claim 17. This claim has been rewritten in independent form, and is thus allowable.

Claim 18. This claim already depended on claim 17, which as stated above, has been rewritten in independent form. Since claim 18 now depends on an allowable claim, claim 18 is now allowable.

Claim 19. The Examiner indicated this claim is allowed.

Claim 20. This claim was previously canceled.

Claim 21. The Examiner indicated this claim is allowed.

Claim 22. This claim has been canceled here.

Claim 23. This claim has been rewritten in independent form, and is thus allowable.

Claim 24. This claim has been amended here to depend on claim 23, which as stated above, has been rewritten in independent form. Since claim 24 now depends on an allowable claim, claim 24 is now allowable.

Claim 25. This claim has been rewritten in independent form, and is thus allowable.

Claim 26. This claim already depended on claim 25, which as stated above, has been rewritten in independent form. Since claim 26 now depends on an allowable claim, claim 26 is now allowable.

Claim 27. This claim has been amended to depend on any one of “claims 19, 21, or 23 to 26”, and thus, is allowable, as each of claims 19, 21, and 23 to 26 is allowable.

Claim 28. The Examiner indicated this claim is allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, and also the submission of the Petition for Revival, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions about the present Amendment or believes that any claim of the present application should be finally rejected, a telephone interview is requested.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Since a check for \$1260.00 is enclosed (small entity fees -- \$750.00 for Petition for Revival and \$510.00 for 3-month Extension) and thus it is believed that no additional fees are required, regardless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or to credit overpayment to:

Deposit Account No. **13-4365**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Petition for Revival
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